Introduced by Senator Chesbro

February 22, 2005

An act to amend Sections 1524, 1538, and 1562 of, to add Section 1538.55 to, and to add and repeal Article 9 (commencing with Section 1567.50) to Chapter 3 of Division 2 of, the Health and Safety Code, and to add and repeal Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 4684.50) to Chapter 6 of Division 4.5 of, the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to developmental services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 962, as introduced, Chesbro. Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Special Health Care Needs: pilot project.

Existing law, the California Community Care Facilities Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of community care and residential facilities by the State Department of Social Services. Under existing law, a violation of any of these provisions is punishable as a misdemeanor.

Existing law establishes the State Department of Developmental Services and sets forth its duties and responsibilities, including, but not limited to, administration and oversight of the state developmental centers and programs relating to persons with developmental disabilities. Existing law, the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act, requires the department to allocate funds to private nonprofit regional centers for the provision of community services and support for persons with developmental disabilities and their families. Violation of community care licensing provisions is a crime.

This bill would, until January 1, 2010, authorize the State Department of Social Services and the State Department of Developmental Services, to jointly establish and administer a pilot project for licensing and regulating Adult Residential Facilities for

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Persons with Special Health Care Needs, and would make conforming changes. The bill would authorize entering into a contract for independent evaluation of the program, and would require a report to the Legislature by January 1, 2009. By changing the definition of crimes, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1524 of the Health and Safety Code is 2 amended to read:
 - 1524. A license shall be forfeited by operation of law prior to its expiration date when one of the following occurs:
- 5 (a) The licensee sells or otherwise transfers the facility or facility property, except when change of ownership applies to transferring of stock when the facility is owned by a corporation, and when the transfer of stock does not constitute a majority change of ownership.
 - (b) The licensee surrenders the license to the department.
 - (c) The licensee moves a facility from one location to another. The department shall develop regulations to ensure that the facilities are not charged a full licensing fee and do not have to complete the entire application process when applying for a license for the new location.
 - (d) The licensee is convicted of an offense specified in Section 220, 243.4, or 264.1, or paragraph (1) of Section 273a, Section 273d, 288, or 289 of the Penal Code, or is convicted of another crime specified in subdivision (c) of Section 667.5 of the Penal Code.
- 21 (e) The licensee dies. If an adult relative notifies the 22 department of his or her desire to continue operation of the 23 facility and submits an application, the department shall expedite

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the application. The department shall promulgate regulations for expediting applications submitted pursuant to this subdivision.

(f) The licensee abandons the facility.

- (g) When the certification issued by the State Department of Developmental Services to a licensee of an Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Special Health Care Needs licensed pursuant to Article 9 (commencing with Section 1567.50), is rescinded.
- SEC. 2. Section 1538 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:
- 1538. (a) Any person may request an inspection of any community care facility or certified family home in accordance with this chapter by transmitting to the state department notice of an alleged violation of applicable requirements prescribed by statutes or regulations of this state, including, but not limited to, a denial of access of any person authorized to enter the facility pursuant to Section 9701 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. A complaint may be made either orally or in writing.
- (b) The substance of the complaint shall be provided to the licensee or certified family home and foster family agency no earlier than at the time of the inspection. Unless the complainant specifically requests otherwise, neither the substance of the complaint provided the licensee or certified family home and foster family agency nor any copy of the complaint or any record published, released, or otherwise made available to the licensee or certified family home and foster family agency shall disclose the name of any person mentioned in the complaint except the name of any duly authorized officer, employee, or agent of the state department conducting the investigation or inspection pursuant to this chapter.
- (c) Upon receipt of a complaint, other than a complaint alleging denial of a statutory right of access to a community care facility or certified family home, the state department shall make a preliminary review and, unless the state department determines that the complaint is willfully intended to harass a licensee or is without any reasonable basis, it shall make an onsite inspection of the community care facility or certified family home within 10 days after receiving the complaint, except where a visit would adversely affect the licensing investigation or the investigation of

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other agencies. In either event, the complainant shall be promptly informed of the state department's proposed course of action.

If the department determines that the complaint is intended to harass, is without a reasonable basis, or, after a site inspection, is unfounded, then the complaint and any documents related to it shall be marked confidential and shall not be disclosed to the public. If the complaint investigation included a site visit, the licensee or certified family home and foster family agency shall be notified in writing within 30 days of the dismissal that the complaint has been dismissed.

- (d) Upon receipt of a complaint alleging denial of a statutory right of access to a community care facility or certified family home, the state department shall review the complaint. The complainant shall be notified promptly of the state department's proposed course of action.
- (e) The department shall commence performance of complaint inspections of certified family homes upon the employment of sufficient personnel to carry out this function, and by no later than June 30, 1999. Upon implementation, the department shall notify all licensed foster family agencies.
- (f) Upon receipt of a complaint concerning the care of a client in, or the vendorization of, an Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Special Health Care Needs licensed pursuant to Article 9 (commencing with Section 1567.50), the department shall notify the appropriate regional center and the State Department of Developmental Services for the purposes of investigating the complaint.
- SEC. 3. Section 1538.55 is added to the Health and Safety Code, immediately following Section 1538.5, to read:
- 1538.55. (a) The licensee of an Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Special Health Care Needs (ARFPSHN), licensed pursuant to Article 9 (commencing with Section 1567.50), shall report to the department's Community Care Licensing Division, the regional center with whom the ARFPSHN contracts, and the State Department of Developmental Services, within 24 hours upon the occurrence of any of the following events:
- 37 (1) The death of any client from any cause.
 - (2) The use of an automated external defibrillator.
- 39 (3) Any injury to any client that requires medical treatment.

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(4) Any unusual incident that threatens the physical or emotional health or safety of any client.

- (5) Any suspected physical or psychological abuse of any client.
- (6) Epidemic outbreaks.
 - (7) Poisonings.
- (8) Catastrophes.

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- (9) Fires or explosions that occur in or on the premises.
- (b) The licensee additionally shall submit a written report to the department's Community Care Licensing Division, the regional center with whom the ARFPSHN contracts, and the State Department of Developmental Services within seven days following any event set forth in subdivision (a), and shall include 14 the following:
 - (1) Client's name, age, sex, and date of admission.
 - (2) The date and nature of event.
- 17 (3) The attending physician's name, findings, and treatment, if 18 any.
- 19 (4) The disposition of the case.
 - (c) The department's Community Care Licensing Division shall notify the State Department of Developmental Services upon its findings of any deficiencies or of possible actions to exclude, pursuant to Section 1558, any individual from an ARFPSHN.
 - SEC. 4. Section 1562 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:
 - 1562. The director shall ensure that operators and staffs of community care facilities, except for those licensed as an Adult Residential for Persons with Special Health Care Needs licensed pursuant to Article 9 (commencing with Section 1567.50), have appropriate training to provide the care and services for which a license or certificate is issued. The section shall not apply to a facility licensed as an Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Special Health Care Needs pursuant to Article 9 (commencing *with Section 1567.50).*
- 36 SEC. 5. Article 9 (commencing with Section 1567.50) is 37 added to Chapter 3 of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code, 38 to read:

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Article 9. Adult Residential Facilities for Persons with Special Health Care Needs: Licensing

1567.50. (a) Notwithstanding that a community care facility means a place that provides nonmedical care under subdivision (a) of Section 1502, pursuant to Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 4684.50) of Chapter 6 of Division 4.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, the department shall jointly implement with the State Department of Developmental Services a pilot project to test the effectiveness of providing special health care and intensive support services to adults in homelike community settings.

- (b) The State Department of Social Services may license, subject to the following conditions, an Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Special Health Care Needs to provide 24-hour services to adults with developmental disabilities who have special health care and intensive support needs, as defined in subdivisions (f) and (g) of Section 4684.50 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
- (1) The State Department of Developmental Services shall be responsible for granting the certificate of program approval for an Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Special Health Care Needs (ARFPSHN). The State Department of Social Services shall not issue a license unless the applicant has obtained a certification of program approval from the State Department of Developmental Services.
- (2) The State Department of Social Services shall ensure that the ARFPSHN meets the administration requirements under Article 2 (commencing with Section 1520) including, but not limited to, requirements relating to fingerprinting and criminal records under Section 1522.
- (3) The State Department of Social Services shall administer employee actions under Article 5.5 (commencing with Section 1558).
- (4) The regional center shall monitor and enforce compliance of the program and health and safety requirements, including monitoring and evaluating the quality of care and intensive support services. The State Department of Developmental Services shall ensure that the regional center performs these functions.

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(5) The State Department of Developmental Services may decertify any ARFPSHN that does not comply with program requirements. When the State Department of Developmental Services determines that urgent action is necessary to protect clients of the ARFPSHN from physical or mental abuse, abandonment, or any other substantial threat to their health and safety, the State Department of Developmental Services may request the regional centers to remove the clients from the ARFPSHN.

- (6) The State Department of Social Services may initiate proceedings for temporary suspension of the license pursuant to Section 1550.5.
- (7) The State Department of Developmental Services, upon its decertification, shall inform the State Department of Social Services of the licensee's decertification, with its recommendation concerning revocation of the license, for which the State Department of Social Services may initiate proceedings pursuant to Section 1550.
- (8) The State Department of Developmental Services and the regional centers shall provide the State Department of Social Services all available documentation and evidentiary support necessary for any enforcement proceedings to suspend the license pursuant to Section 1550.5, to revoke or deny a license pursuant to Section 1551, or to exclude an individual pursuant to Section 1558.
- (9) The State Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing Division shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the State Department of Developmental Services to outline a formal protocol to address shared responsibilities, including monitoring responsibilities, complaint investigations, administrative actions, and closures.
- (10) The licensee shall provide documentation that, in addition to the administrator requirements set forth under paragraph (4) of subdivision (a) of Section 4684.63 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, the administrator, prior to employment, has completed a minimum of 35 hours of initial training in the general laws, regulations and policies and procedural standards applicable to facilities licensed by the State Department of Social Services under Article 2 (commencing with Section 1520). Thereafter, the licensee shall provide documentation every two years that the

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administrator has completed 40 hours of continuing education in the general laws, regulations and policies and procedural standards applicable to adult residential facilities. The training specified in this section shall be provided by a vendor approved by the State Department of Social Services and the cost of the training shall be borne by the administrator or licensee.

- (c) The article shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2010, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute extends or deletes that date.
- SEC. 6. Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 4684.50) is added to Chapter 6 of Division 4.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

Article 3.5. Adult Residential Facilities for Persons with Special Health Care Needs: Pilot Program

4684.50. (a) "Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Special Health Care Needs (ARFPSHN)" means an adult residential facility that provides 24-hour health care and intensive support services in a homelike setting to not more than five persons with developmental disabilities as defined in Section 4512.

- (b) "Consultant" means a person professionally qualified by training and experience to give expert advice, information, training, or to provide health-related assessments and interventions specified in a consumer's individual health care plan.
- (c) "Direct care personnel" means all personnel who directly provide program or nursing services to consumers. Administrative and licensed personnel shall be considered direct care personnel when directly providing program or nursing services to clients. Consultants shall not be considered direct care personnel.
- (d) "Individual health care plan" means the plan that identifies and documents the health care and intensive support service needs of a consumer.
- (e) "Individual health care plan team" means those individuals who develop, monitor, and revise the individual health care plan for consumers residing in an Adult Residential Facility for

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Persons with Special Health Care Needs. The team shall, at a minimum, be composed of all of the following individuals:

- (1) Regional center service coordinator or other regional center representative.
 - (2) Consumer or consumer's authorized representative.
- (3) Individual legally authorized to make health care decisions on the consumer's behalf, if the consumer lacks the capacity to give informed consent.
- 9 (4) Consumer's primary care physician, or other physician as designated by the regional center.
 - (5) ARFPSHN administrator.
 - (6) ARFPSHN registered nurse.
- 13 (7) Others deemed necessary for developing a comprehensive 14 and effective plan.
 - (f) "Intensive support needs" means the consumer requires physical assistance in performing four or more of the following activities of daily living:
- 18 (1) Eating.

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- 19 (2) Dressing.
- 20 (3) Bathing.
- 21 (4) Transferring.
 - (5) Toileting.
- 23 (6) Continence.
 - (g) "Special health care needs" means the consumer has health conditions that are predictable and stable, as determined by the individual health care plan team, and for which the individual may require nursing supports for any of the following types of care:
 - (1) Nutrition support, including total parenteral feeding and gastrostomy feeding, and hydration.
 - (2) Cardiorespiratory monitoring.
 - (3) Oxygen support, including continuous positive airway pressure and bilevel positive airway pressure, and use of other inhalation-assistive devices.
 - (4) Nursing interventions for tracheostomy care and suctioning.
- 37 (5) Nursing interventions for colostomy, ileostomy, or other medical or surgical procedures.
- 39 (6) Special medication regimes including injection and 40 intravenous medications.

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- 1 (7) Management of insulin-dependent diabetes.
- 2 (8) Manual fecal impaction, removal, enemas, or 3 suppositories.
- 4 (9) Indwelling urinary catheter/catheter procedure.
- 5 (10) Treatment for staphylococcus infection.
 - (11) Treatment for wounds or pressure ulcers (stages 1 and 2).
 - (12) Post-operative care and rehabilitation.
- 8 (13) Pain management and palliative care.
 - 4684.53. (a) The State Department of Developmental Services and the State Department of Social Services shall jointly implement a pilot project to test the effectiveness of providing special health care and intensive support services to adults in homelike community settings.
 - (b) The pilot project shall be implemented through the following regional centers only:
 - (1) The San Andreas Regional Center.
 - (2) The Regional Center of the East Bay.
 - (3) The Golden Gate Regional Center.
 - (c) The regional centers participating in this pilot project may contract for an aggregate total of services for no more than 120 persons in an ARFPSHN.
 - (d) Each ARFPSHN shall possess a valid community care facility license issued pursuant to Article 9 (commencing with Section 1567.50) of Chapter 3 of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code, and shall be subject to the requirements of Division 6 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations.
 - (e) Each ARFPSHN shall be subject to the requirements of Subchapters 5 through 9 of Chapter 1 of, and Subchapters 2 and 4 of Chapter 3 of, Division 2 of Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations.
 - (f) Each ARFPSHN shall ensure that an operable automatic fire sprinkler system is installed and maintained.
 - (g) Each ARFPSHN shall provide auxiliary lighting and power sources to operate all functions of the facility for a minimum of six hours. The auxiliary system shall be maintained in safe operating condition, and shall be tested at least every 14 days under full load condition for a minimum of 10 minutes. A written record of inspection, performance, exercising period and repair of the emergency electrical system shall be regularly maintained on the premises and available for inspection.

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4684.55. (a) No regional center may pay a rate to any ARFPSHN for any consumer that exceeds the average annual cost of serving a consumer at Agnews Developmental Center, as determined by the State Department of Developmental Services.

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- (b) The payment rate for ARFPSHN services shall be negotiated between the regional center and the ARFPSHN, and shall be paid by the regional center under the service code "Specialized Residential Facility (Habilitation)."
- (c) Payment for a full month of service shall be made by the regional center when a consumer is temporarily absent from the ARFPSHN 21 days or less due to a medical condition requiring hospitalization or temporary placement in a facility providing a higher level of care.
- 4684.58. The regional center may recommend for participation, the State Department of Developmental Services, an applicant for this pilot project when the applicant meets all of the following requirements and has been selected through a request for proposals process issued by one or more of the three participating regional centers:
- (a) It has a successful record of operating a licensed residential facility for at least two years, as evidenced by consistent compliance with applicable state licensing requirements.
- (b) It prepares and submits, to the regional center, a complete facility program plan that includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:
 - (1) The total number of the consumers to be served.
- (2) A profile of the consumer population to be served, including their health care and intensive support needs.
- (3) A description of the program components, including a description of the health care and intensive support services to be provided.
- (4) A week's program schedule, including proposed consumer day and community integration activities.
- (5) A week's proposed program staffing pattern, including licensed, unlicensed, and support personnel and the number and distribution of hours for such personnel.
- 37 (6) An organizational chart, including identification of lead 38 and supervisory personnel.

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(7) The consultants to be utilized, including their professional disciplines and hours to be worked per week or month, as appropriate.

- (8) The plan for accessing and retaining consultant and health care services, including assessments, in the areas of physical therapy, occupational therapy, respiratory therapy, speech pathology, audiology, pharmacy, dietary/nutrition, and other areas required for meeting the needs identified in consumers' individual health care plans.
- (9) A description, including the size, layout, location, and condition of the proposed home.
- (10) A description of the equipment and supplies available, or to be obtained, for programming and care.
- (11) The type, location, and response time of emergency medical service personnel.
- (12) The in-service training program plan for at least the next 12 months.
- (13) The plan for ensuring that outside services are coordinated, integrated, and consistent with those provided by the ARFPSHN.
- 4684.60. The vendoring regional center shall, before placing any consumer into an ARFPSHN, ensure that the ARFPSHN has a valid license issued by the State Department of Social Services and a fully executed contract with the regional center that includes, at a minimum, all of the following:
 - (a) The names of the regional center and the licensee.
 - (b) The purpose of the pilot project.
- (c) A requirement that the contractor shall comply with all applicable statutes and regulations, including Section 4681.1.
 - (d) The effective date and termination date of the contract.
- (e) A requirement that, under no circumstances, shall the contract extend beyond the stated termination date, which shall not be longer than the pilot legislation end date of January 1, 2010.
 - (f) The definition of terms.
- (g) A requirement that the execution of any amendment or modification to the contract be in accordance with all applicable federal and state statutes and regulations and be by mutual agreement of both parties.

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(h) A requirement that the provider and the agents and employees of the provider, in the performance of the contract, shall act in an independent capacity, and not as officers or employees or agents of the State of California or the regional center.

- (i) A requirement that the assignment of the contract for consumer services shall not be allowed.
 - (j) The rate of payment per consumer.

- (k) Incorporation, by reference, of the ARFPSHN's approved program plan.
- (1) A requirement that the contractor verify, and maintain for the duration of the project, possession of commercial general liability insurance.
- (m) An agreement to provide, to the evaluation contractor engaged pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 4684.74, all information necessary for evaluating the project.
 - 4684.63. (a) Each ARFPSHN shall do all of the following:
- (1) Meet the minimum requirements for a Residential Facility Service Level 4-i pursuant to Sections 56004 and 56013 of Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations, and ensure that all of the following conditions are met:
- (A) That a licensed registered nurse, licensed vocational nurse, or licensed psychiatric technician, is awake and on duty 24-hours per day, seven days per week.
- (B) That a licensed registered nurse is awake and on duty at least eight hours per person, per week.
- (C) That at least two staff on the premises are awake and on duty when providing care to four or more consumers.
- (2) Ensure the consumer remains under the care of a physician at all times and is examined by the primary care physician at least once every 60 days, or more often if required by the consumer's individual health care plan.
- (3) Ensure that an administrator is on duty at least 20 hours per week to ensure the effective operation of the ARFPSHN.
- (4) The administrator shall have at least one year of administrative and supervisory experience in a licensed residential program for persons with developmental disabilities and shall meet one or more of the following qualifications:
 - (A) Be a licensed registered nurse.
- (B) Be a licensed nursing home administrator.

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(C) Be a senior psychiatric technician.

- (D) Be an individual with a bachelors degree in the health or human services field and two years experience working in a licensed residential program for persons with developmental disabilities and special health care needs.
- (b) The regional center may require an ARFPSHN to provide additional professional, administrative, or supportive personnel whenever the regional center determines, in consultation with the individual health care plan team, that additional personnel are needed to provide for the health and safety of consumers.
- (c) ARFPSHNs may utilize appropriate staff from Agnews Developmental Center, as set forth in the plan developed pursuant to Section 4474.1.
- (d) All direct care personnel shall be subject to the training requirements specified in Section 4695.2.
- 4684.65. (a) A regional center shall not place, or fund the placement for, any consumer in an ARFPSHN until the individual health care plan team has prepared a written individual health care plan that can be fully and immediately implemented upon the consumer's placement.
- (b) An ARFPSHN shall only accept for admission consumers who are residing at Agnews Development Center at the time of the proposed placement, and who have the special health care or intensive support needs.
- (c) The ARFPSHN shall not admit a consumer if the individual health care plan team determines that the consumer has a propensity for behaviors that likely would result in harm to others, or a health condition that is unpredictable or unstable.
- 4684.68. (a) The individual health care plan shall include, at a minimum all of the following:
 - (1) An evaluation of the consumer's current health.
- (2) A description of the consumer's ability to perform the activities of daily living.
- (3) A list of all current prescription and nonprescription medications the consumer is using.
- (4) A list of all health care and intensive support services the consumer is currently receiving or may need upon placement in the ARFPSHN.
- 39 (5) A written statement from the consumer's primary care 40 physician, or other physician as designated by the regional

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center, that the consumer's medical condition is predictable and stable, and that the consumer's level of care is appropriate for the ARFPSHN.

- (6) Provision for the consumer to be examined by his or her primary care physician at least once every 60 days, or more frequently if indicated.
- (7) A list of the appropriate professionals assigned to provide the health care as described in the plan.
- (8) The name of the individual health care plan team member, and an alternate designee, who is responsible for day-to-day monitoring of the consumer's health care plan and ensuring its implementation as written.
- (9) Identification of the legally authorized representative to make health care decisions on the consumer's behalf, if the consumer lacks the capacity to give informed consent.
- (10) The name and telephone number of the person or persons to notify in case of an emergency.
- (11) The next meeting date of the individual health care plan team, which shall be at least every six months, to evaluate and update the individual health care plan.
- (b) Administration of medications to consumers shall comply with all of the following requirements:
- (1) Medications shall be given only on the order of a person lawfully authorized to prescribe.
- (2) Medications shall be administered as prescribed and shall be recorded in the consumer record. The name and title of the person administering the medication or treatment, and the date, time, and dosage of the medication administered shall be recorded. Initials may be used provided the signature of the person administering the medication or treatment is recorded on the medication or treatment record.
- (3) Preparation of dosages for more than one scheduled administration time shall not be permitted.
- (4) Persons administering medications shall confirm each consumer's identity prior to the administration.
- (5) Medications shall be administered within two hours after dosages are prepared and shall be administered by the same person who prepared the dosages. Dosages shall be administered within one hour of the prescribed time unless otherwise indicated by the prescriber.

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(6) All medications shall be administered only by those persons specifically authorized to do so by their respective scope of practice.

- (7) No medication shall be administered to or used by any consumer other than the consumer for whom the medication was prescribed.
- (8) Medication errors and adverse drug reactions shall be recorded and reported immediately to the practitioner who ordered the drug or another practitioner responsible for the medical care of the consumer. Minor adverse reactions which are identified in the literature accompanying the product as a usual or common side effect, need not be reported to the practitioner immediately, but in all cases shall be recorded in the consumer's record. Medication errors include, but are not limited to, the failure to administer a drug ordered by a prescriber within one hour of the time prescribed, administration of any drugs other than prescribed or the administration of a dose not prescribed.
- 4684.70. (a) The State Department of Social Services, in administering the licensing program, shall not evaluate or have any responsibility for evaluating consumers' level of care or health care provided by ARFPSHN. Any suspected deficiencies in a consumer's health care identified by the State Department of Social Services' personnel shall be reported immediately to the appropriate regional center and the State Department of Developmental Services for investigation.
- (b) The regional center shall have responsibility for monitoring and evaluating the health care and intensive support service needs identified in the consumer's individual health care plan.
- (c) For each consumer placed in an ARFPSHN, the regional center shall assign a service coordinator who possesses a current and valid license as a registered nurse.
- (d) The regional center service coordinator shall visit the consumer, in person, at least monthly in the ARFPSHN, or more frequently if specified in the consumer's individual health care plan.
- (e) The State Department of Developmental Services shall monitor and ensure the regional centers' compliance with the requirements of this article. The monitoring shall include on-site

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visits to all the ARFPSHNs at least every six months for the duration of the pilot project.

4684.73. (a) In addition to any other contract termination provisions, a regional center may terminate its contract with an ARFPSHN when the regional center determines that the ARFPSHN is unable to maintain compliance with state laws, regulations, or its contract with the regional center, or the ARFPSHN demonstrates an inability to ensure the health and safety of the consumers.

- (b) The ARFPSHN may appeal a regional center's decision to terminate its contract by sending, to the executive director of the contracting regional center, a detailed statement containing the reasons and facts demonstrating why the termination is inappropriate. The appeal must be received by the regional center within 10 working days from the date of the letter terminating the contract. The executive director shall respond with his or her decision within 10 working days of the date of receipt of the appeal from the ARFPSHN. The executive director shall submit his or her decision to the State Department of Developmental Services on the same date that it is signed. The decision of the executive director shall be the final administrative decision.
- (c) The Director of Developmental Services may rescind an ARFPSHN's program certification when, in his or her sole discretion, an ARFPSHN does not meet any one or more of the requirements of applicable statute, regulation, or ordinance. The decision of the Director of Developmental Services shall be the final administrative decision. The Director of Developmental Services shall transmit his or her decision rescinding an ARFPSHN's program certification to the State Department of Social Services and the regional center with his or her recommendation as to whether to revoke the ARFPSHN's license.

4684.74. (a) By July 1, 2006, the State Department of Developmental Services shall contract with an independent agency or organization to evaluate the pilot project and prepare a report of its written findings. The scope of services for the contractor shall be jointly prepared by the State Department of Developmental Services, the State Department of Social Services, and the State Department of Health Services and, at a minimum, shall address all of the following:

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1 (1) The number, business status, and location of all the 2 ARFPSHNs.

- (2) The number and characteristics of the consumers served.
- 4 (3) The effectiveness of the pilot project in addressing 5 consumers' health care and intensive support needs.
 - (4) The extent of consumers' community integration and satisfaction.
 - (5) The consumers' access to, and quality of, community-based health care and dental services.
 - (6) The types, amounts, qualifications, and sufficiency of staffing.
 - (7) The overall impressions, problems encountered, and satisfaction with the ARFPSHN service model by ARFPSHN employees, regional center participants, state licensing and monitoring personnel, and consumers and families.
 - (8) The costs of all direct, indirect, and ancillary services.
 - (9) An analysis and summary findings of all ARFPSHN consumer special incident reports and unusual occurrences reported during the evaluation period.
 - (10) The recommendations for improving the ARFPSHN service model.
 - (b) The contractor's written report shall be submitted to the State Department of Developmental Services, the State Department of Social Services, the State Department of Health Services, and to the Legislature by January 1, 2009.
 - 4684.75. (a) The State Department of Developmental Services may adopt emergency regulations to implement this article. The adoption, amendment, repeal, or readoption of a regulation authorized by this section is deemed to be necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, or general welfare, for purposed of Sections 11346.1 and 11349.6 of the Government Code, and the State Department of Developmental Services is hereby exempted from the requirement that it describe specific facts showing the need for immediate action. A certificate of compliance for these implementing regulations shall be filed within 24 months following the adoption of the first emergency regulations filed
- 38 pursuant to this section.

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(b) This article shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2010, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later statute extends or deletes that date.

SEC. 7. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIIIB of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIIIB of the California Constitution.